GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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NRIS IN JAILS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians abroad who are in jails in various countries;

(b) their break-up, country-wise alongwith the charges framed against them;

(c) whether this issue has been taken up with those countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts made/being made to bring them back from those countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) to (e) The total number of Indian prisoners in foreign jails at any given time varies between6000 to 8000. The total number of Indians arrested in various foreign countries during 1999 was 8937. A country-wise break-up of these imprisoned Indian nationals is enclosed. The charges against these prisoners include infringement of the immigration laws, drug offences, and a variety of civil and criminal charges. As soon as an Indian diplomatic mission/post is apprised about the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the host government for seeking consular access. An officer of the mission/post visits the detainee and tries to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the mission/post takes up the matter with the host government for speedy and fair trial and also for review of the sentence. The prisoners are normally released on completion of their sentences. However, in deserving cases, our missions/posts have succeeded in obtaining remission of sentences.

Annexure
INDIAN NATIONALS ARRESTED IN 1999

Country	No. of Indians arrested	Country	No. of Indians arrested
Angola	01	Maldives	59
Australia	27	Malta	45
Kazakhstan	08	Mauritius	02
Austria	67	Mexico	10
Bahrain	191	Mozambique	01
Bangladesh	197	Myanmar	08
Belarus	49	Nepal	03
Belgium	120	Netherlands	65
Bhutan	66	New Zealand	02
Brunei	52	Oman	276
Bulgaria	21	Pakistan	Information not available
Cambodia	01	Panama	13
Canada	Information not available	Philippines	51
Chile	02	Qatar	236
China	11	Romania	46
Cyprus	29	Russian Federation	08
Egypt	01	Saudi Arabia	1073
France	198	Singapore	2845
Fiji	03	South Africa	07
Germany	72	Spain	65
Greece	54	Sri Lanka	62
Guyana	01	Sweden	08
Hong Kong	72	Syrian Arab Rep.	39
Indonesia	27	Thailand	152
Iran	07	Tunisia	01
Israel	155	Turkey	04
Italy	114	Turkmenistan	02

Ivory Coast	02	Ukraine	195
Jamaica	15	UAE	1320
Japan	01	United Kingdom	27
Jordan	12	USA	109
Rep. of Korea	07	Uzbekistan	04
Kuwait	107	Yemen Arab Rep.	02
Lebanon.	52	Yugoslavia	10
Madagascar	01	Zambia	02
Malaysia	442		

Total 8937